



BIDWELL-SACRAMENTO RIVER STATE PARK GENERAL PLAN

Newsletter #2

PARTNERS IN PLANNING - THE COMMUNITY AND DPR

The first public planning workshop for the Bidwell-Sacramento River State Park General Plan was a success! A summary of the workshop and the ideas generated and issues and concerns raised are presented in this newsletter. Thanks to all who attended and shared their vision for the park's future. We are now in the process of incorporating your ideas into three alternatives for the General Plan. This Plan will define long-term visions and goals for the park, identify desired improvements, and provide guidelines for protecting significant resources. We are looking to you to share your ideas and participate in another one of the many opportunities to plan the future of this magnificent park at the second public planning workshop.

PUBLIC PLANNING WORKSHOP #2

You are invited to attend the second Public Planning Workshop that will cover the alternatives process for the General Plan:

Date: Wednesday, July 30, 2003

Time: 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

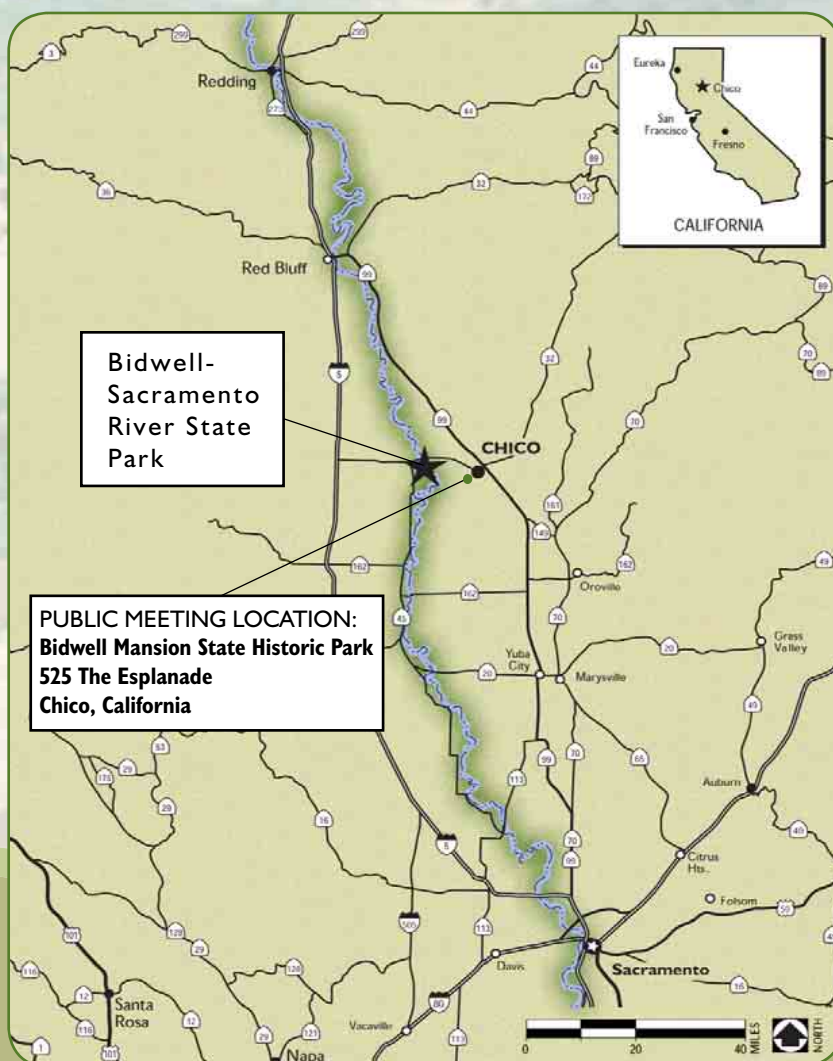
Location: Bidwell Mansion
State Historic Park
525 The Esplanade
Chico, California



HOW CAN YOU CONTRIBUTE?

Stay Informed: This newsletter is being published to keep you informed about the progress of these planning processes. You may also visit the State Parks website at www.parks.ca.gov/generalplans to get updated information. On the left sidebar click "General Plans - In Progress". A list of all state parks undergoing the general plan process are located at this link. From here you can access the General Plan website for Bidwell-Sacramento River State Park.

Attend the Second Public Planning Workshop: We will host the second public workshop for the Bidwell-Sacramento River State Park General Plan on July 30th, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm, at the Bidwell Mansion State Historic Park. You will have the opportunity to comment on three alternatives so that the preferred alternative can be selected with your input in mind. After the public meeting, the final preferred alternative will be chosen, which will serve as a basis for future environmental review.



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THE GENERAL PLAN PROCESS

Where We Have Been.

The development of the General Plan has been underway since the fall of 2002. Since then we have been researching and documenting the existing conditions of the park and surrounding region, as well as identifying issues and concerns pertinent to the park's future management. During this process, a public meeting has been held and a survey circulated to interested stakeholders. Based on the information collected to date, State Parks staff have begun formulating draft general plan alternatives which will be presented at the second public planning workshop.



Where We Are Now.

We are holding our second public meeting on July 30th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at the Bidwell Mansion State Historic Park. At this meeting we will be presenting concepts for three alternatives for the Bidwell-Sacramento River State Park General Plan. We will be gathering thoughts and ideas from you on these alternatives. With your input, a preferred alternative will be chosen among the three presented, or a preferred alternative will be formulated by combining components of each of the three concept alternatives.



California State Parks Workshop, Spring 2003



Where We Are Going.

Once a preferred alternative is selected, an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) will be prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). It will analyze the potential impacts of the preferred alternative's future management actions on the environment. Another opportunity for your involvement will come in the fall/winter of this year when the Public Draft of the EIR will be circulated for your review and comment. Your comments will be reviewed by DPR staff and incorporated into the Final General Plan. A timeline for the planning process is provided on the back of this newsletter.



FIRST PUBLIC PLANNING WORKSHOP A SUCCESS!

The first workshop for the Bidwell-Sacramento River State Park General Plan was held at the Bidwell Mansion State Historic Park on the evening of March 18th and provided an opportunity for the public to provide early input on the scope, focus, and content of the Bidwell-Sacramento River State Park General Plan and EIR. The following highlights some of the ideas and comments presented by meeting participants:

- Expand overnight camping facilities.
- Develop a visitor center.
- Develop group use area(s).
- Increase ADA accessibility.
- Improve boat and canoe/kayak launching areas.
- Expand and improve trails for hiking, biking, and horseback riding.
- Provide scenic viewing areas.
- Protect and restore natural habitats.
- Provide more interpretation and education (e.g., signage, tours).
- Plan for natural river processes (e.g., flooding and river meandering).
- Consider transportation impacts.
- Coordinate with public and private agencies and organizations on regional planning issues.

These are just a few of the many ideas generated at the public meeting. In addition, State Parks received 23 surveys, completed "on-line" via the website and by hand from interested community members, organizations and state and local agencies. Many of the ideas received have been incorporated into the plan alternatives.





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BIDWELL-SACRAMENTO RIVER STATE PARK

Calendar of Events

GENERAL PLAN PROCESS AT A GLANCE

WINTER/SPRING 2003

Release NOP
PUBLIC WORKSHOP #1
(& EIR SCOPING MEETING)
Identify Issues and Concerns

JULY 2003

PUBLIC WORKSHOP #2
Develop General Plan Alternatives

SUMMER/FALL 2003

Develop General Plan &
Prepare EIR

WINTER 2004

PUBLIC WORKSHOP #3
(date to be announced)
Public Review of Draft General
Plan & EIR
Public Comments on EIR

SPRING 2004

Final General Plan & EIR
Agency Approval

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